

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: CORE Mission

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Recommendation #: R-74 (Revised)

Summary:

Involve partners to utilize both existing internal and external technical **expertise to gather information from the field** that lends itself to the development of lessons-learned educational products and documents.

Recommendation:

USFA should initiate partnerships with our fire communities across the country enabling a fire presence at disaster sites. Critical need has been identified to regain Regional Fire Representatives in each of our 10 regional offices. Formally develop an effective and well-planned MOU's with the fire communities bringing into the Disaster Field Office (DFO) outside **expertise to assist the Field Coordinating Officer (FCO)** and staff in dealing with fire issues at any disaster scene. They should be "rostered" just like FEMA temporary disaster assistance employees (DAEs) are now within the Response and Recovery Directorate except attached to USFA rather than to FEMA Regional Offices.

Background:

Internal:

The USFA staff with the appropriate technical expertise would be activated for a relatively short period of time, perhaps on the order of hours or days rather than weeks or months. Such response by USFA staff would need to be within hours of incident in order to optimize the capturing of lessons learned and staff would need to be invited. Within the USFA, it would be professional staff who would fill these roles -- those with major programmatic/policy development/systems management responsibilities. Specific examples include areas such as command & control, hazardous materials, terrorism response, arson mitigation, prevention education and management, emergency medical services delivery, applied technology, organizational leadership/senior management skills development, and the like.

External:

The USFA fire community partners/experts from around the country should likewise be part of a team strategy to accomplish the desired outcomes for the benefit of all.

COMMENT:

A response working team made up of USFA staff could be appointed to research and then develop all necessary coordination

including formal documentation of all specific steps and procedures necessary to accomplish this core mission change.

1. Estimated Timeframe: Not able to determined at this time
2. Estimated Cost: Not able to determined at this time
3. Outcome: Once R-72 and R-77 is approved, USFA will be able to collect important information needed to improve USFA's programs, products, and services.

Conclusion:

The Core Mission Team supports this requirement once R-72 and R-73 has been approved by the Director, FEMA.

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